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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: UANC DEFECTIONS CONTINUE

REF: PRETORIA 4707

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS INDICATE THAT HIGH-LEVEL DEFECTIONS FROM THE UANC HAVE CONTINUED SINCE THE EXPULSION OF SIX EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ON AUGUST 13 (REFTEL). ON AUGUST 18, IT WAS REPORTED THAT HEBSON NYASHANU, THE DEPUTY NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE UANC RESIGNED. NYASHANU REPORTEDLY CLAIMED THAT THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PARTY WERE BEING FLOUTED BY THE LEADERS WHO WERE SURROUNDED BY A CLIQUE WHO WERE APPOINTED, NOT ELECTED. HE ADDED, "THE UANC HAS LOST DIRECTION AND BISHOP MUZOREWA HAS BECOME A DICTATORIAL
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LEADERS." THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED AND IT OUGHT TO NOW ATTEND ON ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE, HE REPORTEDLY SAID.

2. PRESS REPORTS ON AUGUST 22 STATE THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND TWO OTHER OFFICIALS, ALL UNNAMED, OF THE INFLUENTIAL HARARE DISTRICT UANC BRANCH, HAVE ALSO RESIGNED IN PROTEST AGAINST THE WAY THE PARTY IS BEING RUN.

3. COMMENT: THE DEFECTIONS FURTHER UNDERSCORE CONTINUATION OF THE TREND OF DISILLUSIONMENT IN THE INTELLECTUAL AND URBAN UANC LEADERSHIP SINCE CHAVANDUKA AND GABELLAH, AMONGST OTHERS, LEFT IN AUGUST 1977 (SEE PRETORIA 4370 OF 1977). DISSATISFACTION HAS BEEN REENFORCED BY THE HOVE AFFAIR AND OTHER ASPECTS OF MUZOREWA'S PERFORMANCE SINCE MARCH 3. THE BISHOP, AS MENTIONED IN PRETORIA 4792, IS INCREASINGLY FALLING BACK ON APPOINTED FAMILY AND TRIBAL ASSOCIATES AND THUS FURTHER EXACERBATING THE DISCONTENT OF HIS OLD LINE LEADERSHIP.
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